

MINUTES OF THE HARRIS HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Meeting

Thursday, May 25, 2023

8:00 am

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS
I. Call to Order and Record of Attendance	<p>The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Arthur Bracey, MD, Chair. It was noted that a quorum was present and the attendance was recorded. Dr. Bracey stated while some of Board members are in the room with us today, others will participate by videoconference as permissible by state law and the Harris Health Videoconferencing Policy. The meeting may be viewed online: http://harrishealthtx.swagit.com/live.</p>	<p>A copy of the attendance is appended to the archived minutes.</p>
II. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Meeting – January 26, 2023 • Board Meeting – April 27, 2023 <p>Dr. Bracey stated that there was a slight correction to the January Board meeting minutes for January 26, 2023 for Agenda item X.B.1. related to Community Health Choice. The minutes were revised to reflect the posted agenda item as follows: Approval of a New Lease Agreement Between WS/Griffin Loop Central Property, LLC and Community Health Choice Texas, Inc. for Office Space at 4888 Loop Central Drive, Houston, TX 77081.</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.05-65</u> Moved by Dr. Ewan Johnson, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve the minutes of the January 26, 2023 meeting as amended. Motion carried.</p> <p><u>Motion No. 23.05-66</u> Moved by Dr. Ewan Johnson, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve the minutes of the April 27, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.</p>
III. Announcements/ Special Presentations	<p>A. CEO Report Including Special Announcements</p> <p>Dr. Esmaeil Porsa, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), welcomed Mr. Jim Robinson, Harris Health’s newest Board member who was appointed by Commissioner Tom Ramsey (Pct.3).</p> <p>Harris Health System has been selected as the recipient of the 2023 University Of Houston College of Pharmacy Health Systems Pharmacy of the Year Award. This award is presented to the health-systems pharmacy which showcases excellence in mentoring students in the health-systems practice setting.</p> <p>Harris Health hosted Det Norske Veritas (DNV) for its annual system accreditation survey. The results of the survey include:</p>	<p>As Presented.</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Closed all 7 non-conformities from 2022 survey findings2. New findings = 4 (total)<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. One (1) NC1 Finding – PE/Life Safety: blocked stairwells, smoke damper repaired timely; missing exit sign from roofb. Three (3) NC2 Findings:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. PE/Utility Management: fuel testing on generator; battery lighting for areas where deep sedation procedures performedii. QMS: Policies and procedures outside 3 year reviewing cycleiii. Nursing Services: wound care orders and intervention documentation <p>Dr. Porsa recognized Harris Health executive leadership and staff for their commitment to delivering exceptional healthcare to the residents of Harris County. In addition, Dr. Porsa shared that Harris Health celebrated the 60th anniversary of the opening of Ben Taub Hospital.</p>	
	<p>B. Board Member Announcements Regarding Board Member Advocacy and Community Engagements.</p> <p>Dr. Bracey announced that Harris Health System is pleased to welcome its new trustee, Jim Robinson, who was appointed to the Board by Commissioner Ramsey at the May 16, 2023 meeting of Harris County Commissioners Court. Mr. Robinson is semi-retired from a long career that included work as a broadcaster and news correspondent, law enforcement and military service, college teaching, state and local property tax administration and local government finance. He earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Art degrees from Sam Houston State University, and did work toward a doctorate in safety education at Texas A&M University. He also graduated from the National Security Management program of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (National Defense University). On behalf of the Board, Dr. Bracey welcomed Mr. Jim Robinson to the Harris Health Board of Trustees. In addition, Dr. Bracey formally thanked Mr. Lawrence Finder for his many years of tireless service and contributions to Harris Health System’s Board of Trustees. During his tenure, Mr. Finder served on the Board of Trustees from 1995 through 2003, and as its Chairman from 1999 to 2003. Mr. Finder was reappointed to the Board by Harris County Commissioner Steve Radack (Pct.3) in May 2010. Mr. Finder has since served as the Chair of several committees including the Planning & Operations, Bylaws Review, Budget & Finance, and Nomination Committees.</p> <p>Dr. Bracey noted that on May 5, 2023, the Board Office launched its inaugural First Friday Tour. Dr. Bracey, Board Member Alicia Reyes and Harris Health’s executive leadership and staff participated in the tour. Smith Clinic and Quentin Mease Health Centers were the first two stops and the tour concluded at Harris Health’s rehabilitation services on the first floor of the Fournace building. Dr. Bracey announced that the next First Friday Tour is scheduled for Friday, June 2, 2023. The tour will spotlight Harris Health’s Central Fill Pharmacy and Monroe Clinic.</p>	<p>As Presented.</p>

	<p>Additionally, Dr. Bracey announced his departure as a member of the Harris Health Board of Trustees at the end of June. He stated that it has been an honor to serve on the Board and he will work to ensure a smooth transition in the coming months. The Board members expressed their appreciation for Mr. Finder as well as Dr. Bracey for their many contributions to the Board and residents of Harris County.</p>	
<p>IV. Public Comment</p>	<p>Mr. Paul Puente, Houston Gulf Coast Building & Construction Trades Council, addressed the Board regarding Harris Health’s Bond – Funded Construction Project Requirements.</p> <p>Mr. Robert McDaniel, JLA Construction Solutions, addressed the Board regarding the Lyndon B. Johnson (LBJ) Hospital Project.</p> <p>Mr. Wayne Lord, Plumbers Local Union 68, addressed the Board regarding Harris Health’s Bond – Funded Construction Project Requirements.</p> <p>Ms. Violetta Nunez, Pipefitter Local Union 211 Apprentice, addressed the Board regarding the Union’s Apprenticeship Program.</p>	<p>As Presented.</p>
<p>V. Executive Session</p>	<p>At 8:37 a.m., Dr. Arthur Bracey stated that the Board would enter into Executive Session for Items ‘A through D’ as permitted by law under Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.071, Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §151.002 and Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §160.007.</p>	
	<p>A. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Selection of Special Counsel for Harris Health Bond Election and Bond Related Legal Matters, Pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.085 and Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session, Including Approval of the Harris County Attorney’s Recommendation for Selection of Special Counsel</p> <p><i>Harris Health Board of Trustees, hereby approves agreements for Special Counsel for bond election services between Harris Health System and each of Bracewell LLP, Norton Rose Fulbright US, LLP, Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Leon Alcalá, PLLC, and Bratton & Associates, PLLC for a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$500,000, with the intent to have at least 30% of the services performed by MWBE firms.</i></p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.05-67</u> Moved by Dr. Ewan D. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Andrea Caracostis, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item V.A. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>B. Report Regarding Quality of Medical and Healthcare, Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §160.007, and Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §151.002 to Receive Peer Review and/or Medical Committee Report, Including Report of the Medical Executive Board in Connection with the Evaluation of the Quality of Medical and Healthcare Services, Including the Harris Health System Quality, Safety Performance Measures and Zero Harm, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session</p>	<p>No Action Taken.</p>

	<p>C. Medical Executive Board Report and Credentialing Discussion, Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §160.007, and Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §151.002 to Receive Peer Review and/or Medical Committee Report, Including Consideration of Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of the Harris Health System Medical Staff</p>	<p>No Action Taken. Dr. Arthur Bracey recused from participating in discussion and voting regarding cases involving care rendered by Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) and credentialing discussions involving BCM.</p>
	<p>D. Report Regarding Harris Health System Correctional Health Quality of Medical and Healthcare, Including Credentialing Discussion and Operational Updates, Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §160.007, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §151.002 and Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.071 to Receive Peer Review and/or Medical Committee Report with Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session</p>	<p>No Action Taken.</p>
<p>VI. Reconvene to Open Meeting</p>	<p>At 9:35 a.m., Dr. Arthur Bracey reconvened the meeting in open session; he noted that a quorum was present and that the Board will take action on item “A” of the Executive Session agenda.</p>	
<p>VII. General Action Item(s)</p>	<p>A. General Action Item(s) Related to Quality: Medical Staff</p>	
	<p>1. Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of the Harris Health System Medical Staff</p> <p>Dr. Kunal Sharma, Vice Chair, Medical Executive Board, presented the credentialing changes for members of the Harris Health System Medical Staff. For May 2023, there were twelve (12) initial appointments, fifty – five (55) reappointments, three (3) change/add privileges and seven (7) resignations. Copies of the credentialing changes are available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.05-68</u> Moved by Dr. Ewan D. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.A.1. Motion carried. Dr. Arthur Bracey recused on this matter related to BCM Credentialing vote.</p>
	<p>B. General Action Item(s) Related to Quality: Correctional Health Medical Staff</p>	
	<p>1. Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of the Harris Health System Correctional Health Medical Staff</p> <p>Dr. Otis Ekins, Chief Medical Officer, Harris Health Correctional Health, presented the credentialing changes for members of the Harris Health System Correctional Health Medical Staff. For May 2023, there were thirteen (13) initial appointments. Copies of the Correctional Health credentialing changes are available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.05-69</u> Moved by Dr. Ewan D. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.B.1. Motion carried.</p>

VIII. New Items for Board Consideration	A. Approval to Acquire an 8,717 Sq. Ft. Tract of Vacant Land at 1620 Keene St. for the Casa de Amigos Health Center Expansion Project, Houston, Harris County, Texas	Motion No. 23.05-70 Moved by Dr. Ewan D. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.A. Motion carried.
	B. Approval to Convey a Water Meter Easement and Right of Way to The City of Houston for the Casa de Amigos Health Center Expansion Project, Houston, Harris County, Texas	Motion No. 23.05-71 Moved by Dr. Ewan D. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.B. Motion carried.
	C. Discussion and Recommendation Related to Bond-funded Construction Contract Requirements, Including (1) A Minimum \$15/Hour Wage for Construction Workers; (2) A Minimum of 10% of Total Project Hours Performed by Individuals Enrolled in the Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeships or Bilingual Craft Training Programs; and (3) the Consideration of Employer Safety Records when Awarding Projects by Utilizing Harris County’s Contractor Safety Standards Mr. Louis Smith, Senior Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, led the discussion on the recommendations related to Bond-funded Construction Contract Requirements, Including: (1) A Minimum \$15/Hour Wage for Construction Workers; (2) A Minimum of 10% of Total Project Hours Performed by Individuals Enrolled in the Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeships or Bilingual Craft Training Programs; and (3) The Consideration of Employer Safety Records when Awarding Projects by Utilizing Harris County’s Contractor Safety Standards. Mr. Smith provided a brief overview regarding the status of the contract requirements including next steps. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.	
	D. Approval of Revisions to Harris Health System Board of Trustees Member Conflict of Interest and Nepotism Policy Ms. Sara Thomas, Chief Legal Officer/Division Director, presented revisions to the Harris Health System’s Board of Trustees Member Conflict of Interest and Nepotism Policy. A copy of the policy is available in the permanent record.	Motion No. 23.05-72 Moved by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, seconded by Ms. Carol Paret, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.D. Motion carried.

IX. Strategic Discussion	1. Harris Health System Strategic Plan Initiatives	
	<p>1. Presentation Regarding Patient Throughput</p> <p>Dr. Porsa presented the 2023 Strategic Pillar Reporting Schedule. He shared that this document is available in the Resource Folder in the Diligent portal and will be included in the Board packet. Ms. Patricia Darnauer, Executive Vice President, Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital, delivered a presentation regarding Patient Throughput. Under Pillar 3 – One Harris Health System, Harris Health will act as one system in its approach to management and delivery of healthcare. Ms. Darnauer shared that the goal is to: 1) assess, build and reinforce one consistent framework for supporting our healthcare system and 2) eliminate waste minimize variation. In addition, Ms. Darnauer provided an overview of patient throughput highlights related to the emergency center (EC) optimization, procedural optimization and observation optimization. Additionally, Dr. Glorimar Medina-Rivera, Executive Vice President, Ben Taub (BT) Hospital and Dr. Jennifer Small, Executive Vice President, Ambulatory Care Services (ACS), provided an overview of patient throughput highlights for their respective areas. Discussions ensued regarding data and trends highlighted in the presentation. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.</p>	As Presented.
	<p>2. Presentation Regarding Systematizing Screening and Referrals for Social Determinants of Health</p> <p>Dr. Chethan Bachireddy, Senior Vice President, Chief Health Officer and Ms. Denise LaRue, Administrative Director of Clinical Integration and Transformation, Population Health, delivered a presentation regarding Systematizing Screening and Referrals for Social Determinants of Health. Ms. LaRue provided an overview of the health equity strategic plan as well as work to date. She presented the Health – Related Social Needs (HRSN) screening and referral process. Ms. LaRue shared that Harris Health’s initiative goals are to: 1) resource and build systematized HRSN screening data collection, 2) expand and simplify downstream resources for HRSN+ screens, and 3) use data to strategically advance our system approach to health equity. She concluded by providing an implementation timeline, noting that the phases will be completed in time to meet the 2024 regulatory requirement. Extensive discussions ensued regarding funding sources, measuring effectiveness of the data as well as success stories surrounding these initiatives. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.</p>	As Presented.
	<p>3. Presentation Regarding Bond Proposal Timeline and Activities</p> <p>Ms. Maria Cowles, Senior Vice President, Chief of Staff, and Ms. Olga Llamas Rodriguez, Vice President, Community Engagement & Corporate Communications, delivered a presentation regarding Bond Proposal Timeline and Activities.</p>	As Presented.

	<p>Mr. Mustafa Tameez, Founder & CEO, Outreach Strategists, shared the bond referendum planning timeline and a video montage where six (6) focus groups were conducted with fifty-two (52) Harris County residents. Mr. Darryl King, CEO & Senior Principal, PPG Global, LLC, delivered an overview of PPG’s role related to community outreach and equity. Ms. Sahira Abdool, Principal & Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), PPG Global, LLC, presented an outline of its community outreach, engagement and innovative services process. She provided an overview of PPG Global’s community events and Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) outreach events throughout 75 neighborhoods and area zip codes.</p> <p>Ms. Abdool announced the following upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MWBE Breakfast Meetings May 30, 2023 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM HCC Southeast Learning Hub Room 108 6815 Rustic St. Houston, TX 77087• Town Hall Meeting – Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia June 20, 2023 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM Leonel Castillo Community Center 2101 South Street Houston, TX 77009 <p>For more information regarding the LBJ Hospital Expansion project, please visit: www.nextlevelharrishealth.org/lbj. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.</p>	
	<p>4. May Board Committee Meeting Reports:</p> <p><u>Governance Committee</u></p> <p>Dr. Bracey stated that the Governance Committee met on Tuesday, May 9, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Olga Rodriguez, Vice President, Community Engagement & Corporate Communications, provided an update regarding Mandated Board Training.• Ms. Elisabeth Hurst from the Governance Institute presented on Recommended Next Steps from 2022 Board Self-Assessment and Priority Focus Areas.• The Committee provided two (2) recommendations to be presented to the full Board and will be addressed later on in the Board agenda. <p><u>Quality Committee</u></p> <p>Dr. Bracey shared that these topics and highlights were covered in open session at the Quality Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023:</p>	<p>As Presented.</p>

- The monthly High Reliability Organization (HRO) video “Informed Consent Done Right” was displayed.
- An overall summary of the Harris Health System Safety Culture was reported. System-level strengths included: job satisfaction, safety climate and teamwork climate. Opportunities identified were: stress recognition, working conditions and perceptions of management.
- Patient satisfaction for inpatient performance remains strong with a focus in nurse communication while the outpatient performance showed incremental improvement in all questions.

Compliance & Audit Committee

Dr. Bracey stated that the Compliance & Audit Committee met on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. He noted that an Executive Summary is included in the Board materials for review. In Open Session, the Committee:

- Received a presentation from the Chief Compliance and Risk Officer regarding the 2023 Culture of Compliance Survey Results, which highlighted several successes in the staff’s understanding of and comfort with utilizing the Compliance Program, as well as identifying opportunities to further enhance the Compliance Program, which the Compliance staff will take action on; and
- Received the Internal Audit Status Update from the Chief Assistant County Auditor, which included information on: completed audits, in progress audits, upcoming audits, outstanding management action plans and knowledge regarding digital preference cards for surgeons.

Budget and Finance Committee

Dr. Bracey noted that the Budget & Finance Committee met on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

- Ms. Victoria Nikitin, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer presented Harris Health System’s March 2023 Quarterly Financial Report, First Quarter Calendar Year 2023 Pension Plan Report and Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2023 Investment Report.
- Ms. Nikitin also provided an update regarding Harris Health Credit Rating.

Joint Conference Committee

Dr. Bracey stated that the Joint Conference Committee met on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

- The Committee received an update from Dr. Martha Mims, Chair, MEB and Dr. Kunal Sharma, Vice Chair, MEB, regarding the Medical Executive Board.
- The Committee received an update from Dr. Tien Ko, Chief of Staff, LBJ and Dr. Sandeep Markan, Chief of Staff, BT, related to the System’s pavilions.
- The Committee received an update from Dr. Mohammad Zare, Vice Chief of Staff, ACS and Dr. Markan (*in lieu of Dr. Fareed Khan*) related to Ambulatory Care Services.

	<p><u>Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Committee</u></p> <p>Ms. Marcia Johnson stated that the (DEI) Committee met on Friday, May 19, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. David Riddle, Administrative Director, Patient Experience, presented on Implicit Bias in Patient Care at Harris Health: Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) Overview. • Mr. Derek Holmes, Administrative Director, Contracting Diversity, provided an update on Harris Health’s Minority/Woman-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE). 	
<p>X. Consent Agenda Items</p>	<p>A. Consent Purchasing Recommendations</p>	
	<p>1. Approval of Purchasing Recommendations (Items A1 through A53)</p> <p>Dr. Bracey noted that Purchasing Transmittals (B1 through B23) are not for approval. Copies of the purchasing recommendations are available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.05-73</u></p> <p>Moved by Mr. Jim Robinson, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and majority passed that the Board approve agenda item X.A.1.</p>
	<p>B. Consent Committee Recommendations</p>	
	<p>1. Acceptance of the Harris Health System March 2023 Quarterly Financial Report Subject to Audit</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.05-74</u></p> <p>Moved by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda items X.B.1 - 5. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>2. Acceptance of the Harris Health System First Quarter Calendar Year 2023 Pension Plan Report</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.05-74</u></p> <p>Moved by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda items X.B.1 - 5. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>3. Acceptance of the Harris Health System Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2023 Investment Report</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.05-74</u></p> <p>Moved by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda items X.B.1 - 5. Motion carried.</p>

	<p>4. Approval of the Governance Committee Recommendation to Cross Reference Committee Materials to Ensure they are Not Included/Repeated in the Board Packets</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.05-74</u> Moved by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda items X.B.1 - 5. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>5. Approval of the Governance Committee Recommendation to Empower Committees to do the Work and Carry Forth Recommendations to the Full Board for its Support and Approval</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.05-74</u> Moved by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda items X.B.1 - 5. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>C. Consent Grant Agreement Recommendations</p>	
	<p>1. Approval of Grant Recommendations (Items C1 through C2)</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.05-75</u> Moved by Ms. Alicia Reyes, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda items X.C.1. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>D. Consent Reports and Updates to Board</p> <p>Dr. Bracey noted that Consent Agenda Items (X.D.1 and 2.) are reports and updates only and were presented in your packet for informational purposes only.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Updates Regarding Pending State and Federal Legislative and Policy Issues Impacting Harris Health System2. Harris Health System Council-At-Large April Meeting Minutes <p><i>{End of Consent Agenda}</i></p>	<p>For Informational Purposes Only</p>

<p>XI. Item(s) Related to Health Care for the Homeless Program</p>	<p>A. Review and Acceptance of the Following Report(s) for the Health Care for the Homeless Program (HCHP) as Required by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, which Provides Funding to the Harris County Hospital District d/b/a/Harris Health System to Provide Health Services to Persons Experiencing Homelessness under Section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HCHP May 2023 Operational Update <p>Dr. Small delivered a presentation regarding the Health Care for the Homeless Program (HCHP) May 2023 Operational Update Including Patient Services, Consumer Advisory Report, 2022 Annual Risk Management Report and 2022 Uniform Data System (UDS) Comparison Report. There were 405 new adult patients and eighteen (18) new pediatric patients associated with the program. HCHP is expected to see approximately 9,775 patients per year as required by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). At the close of May 2023, HCHP served 3,706 unduplicated patients and had 8,591 total completed visits.</p> <p>Dr. Small reported that the quarterly amount of unduplicated patients this year compared to the prior year has increased by 13%. Dr. Small noted the equivalent in the number of completed visits overall; within a 2% margin compared to the previous year.</p> <p>Dr. Small presented the following highlights of the council activities from December 2022 – February 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The council members participated in the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) operational site visit. Two members participated in a meeting with the operational consultant and discussed the involvement of the council with the program, as well as, health care and social needs of the people experiencing homelessness.• The council was informed that patients and non-patients are being interviewed as part of the process for the needs assessment to be completed during 2023.• The council was informed of the non-competing continuation budget period report to secure funds for 2023.• The council was informed of changes on hours of operations at some sites, the closure of the Salvation Army Family clinic, and new locations where outreach will be conducted, including areas suggested by the council. <p>Dr. Nelson Gonzalez, Grants Project Manager, Health Care for the Homeless Program, presented highlights of 2022 risk management activities including areas of improvement. Additionally, Dr. Gonzalez provided a summary breakdown of the UDS patient data by gender, age, race, ethnicity, income status and insurance status. A copy of the operational update is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p>Motion No. 23.05-76</p> <p>Moved by Ms. Alicia Reyes, seconded by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XI.A. Motion carried.</p>
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	<p>B. Approval of 2022 HCHP Consumer Advisory Council Report</p>	<p>Motion No. 23.05-77 Moved by Dr. Ewan D. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XI.B. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>C. Approval of HCHP 2022 Annual Risk Management Report</p>	<p>Motion No. 23.05-78 Moved by Dr. Ewan D. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XI.C. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>D. Approval of HCHP 2022 UDS Patient Review</p>	<p>Motion No. 23.05-79 Moved by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XI.D. Motion carried.</p>
<p>XII. Executive Session</p>	<p>At 11:35 a.m., Dr. Arthur Bracey stated that the Board would enter into Executive Session for items “E through I” as permitted by law under Tex. Gov’t Code §418.183, Tex. Gov’t Code §551.071, Tex. Gov’t Code §551.085, Tex. Gov’t Code §551.089, Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §151.002 and Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §160.007.</p>	
	<p>E. Consultation with the County Attorney Regarding Settlement Pertaining to the Reimbursement of Claims by Amerigroup Texas, Inc. d/b/a Amerigroup Community Care, Pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session</p>	<p>No Action Taken.</p>
	<p>F. Consultation with the County Attorney Regarding Qui Tam Litigation Matter, Pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session</p>	<p>No Action Taken.</p>
	<p>G. Review of the Audited Financial Statements for the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2022, Pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.085 for Community Health Choice Texas, Inc. and Community Health Choice, Inc.</p>	<p>No Action Taken.</p>
	<p>H. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Collaborative Opportunities with The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.071 and Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.085</p>	<p>No Action Taken.</p>

	<p>I. Report by the Executive Vice President, Chief Compliance and Risk Officer, Regarding Compliance with Medicare, Medicaid, HIPAA and Other Federal and State Healthcare Program Requirements and a Status of Fraud and Abuse Investigations, Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Gov’t Code §418.183, Tex. Gov’t Code §551.089, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §160.007, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §151.002, and Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session</p>	<p>No Action Taken.</p>
<p>Supplemental Item</p>	<p>1. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Opioid Litigation, Pursuant to TX. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.071 and Possible Action to Consider Approval to Participate in the settlement with Allergan Finance LLC and Allergan Limited (“Allergan”) as it relates to the Texas opioid multi-district litigation, Harris County v. Purdue Pharma, Inc. et al, MDL No. 2018-63587, in the 152nd District Court of Harris County, Texas</p> <p><i>Harris Health, by and through its Board of Trustees, hereby authorizes approval to Participate in the settlement with Allergan Finance LLC and Allergan Limited (“Allergan”) as it relates to the Texas opioid multi-district litigation, Harris County v. Purdue Pharma, Inc. et al, MDL No. 2018-63587, in the 152nd District Court of Harris County, Texas.</i></p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.05-80</u> Moved by Dr. Ewan D. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve supplemental agenda item 1. Motion carried.</p>
<p>XIII. Reconvene</p>	<p>At 12:30 p.m., Dr. Arthur Bracey reconvened the meeting in open session; he noted that a quorum was present and that no action was taken in Executive Session. The Board will now take action on Item “1” of the Supplemental Agenda Item.</p>	
<p>XIV. Adjournment</p>	<p>Moved by Dr. Ewan Johnson, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.</p>	

I certify that the foregoing are the Minutes of the Harris Health System Board of Trustees Meeting held on May 25, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arthur Bracey

Arthur Bracey, M.D., Chair

Andrea Caracostis

Andrea Caracostis, M.D., Secretary

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Harris Health System Board of Trustees Board Meeting – Attendance

Note: For Zoom meeting attendance, if you joined as a group and would like to be counted as present, please submit an email to: BoardofTrustees@harrishealth.org before close of business the day of the meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
Dr. Arthur W. Bracey (<i>Chair</i>)	Director Barbie Robinson
Dr. Ewan D. Johnson (<i>Vice Chair</i>)	
Dr. Andrea Caracostis (<i>Secretary</i>)	
Ms. Alicia Reyes	
Ms. Carol Paret	
Ms. Jennifer Tijerina	
Mr. Jim Robinson	
Ms. Marcia Johnson	

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

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